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FROM RSO

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: SECURITY AT THE CONGEN RESIDENCE

REF: LUANDA 0682

1. RE PARA FOUR (4) REFTEL SELECTION OF AN IN-TOWN RESIDENCE IN LIEU OF CURRENT CONGEN RESIDENCE WOULD PROBABLY NOT ASSURE ANY BETTER PROTECTION AGAINST CIVIL STRIFE. IN-TOWN HOUSES BECAME VULNERABLE DURING THE FIGHTING IN LATE APRIL AND EARLY MAY BETWEEN MPLA AND FNLA AS BEST WITNESSED BY THE INSTANCE WHEN PORTER AND FAMILY SPENT ONE NIGHT ON THE HALLWAY FLOOR, AS REPORTED IN LUANDA'S 0493.

2. RECOMMEND FOR IMMEDIATE FUTURE YOU CONTINUE AS IS (I.E. MAINTAINING UNOCCUPIED CONGEN RESIDENCE WITH COMMO EQUIPMENT TEMPORARILY STORED IN CONGEN PENDING RETURN OF THE CONGEN). IF SECURITY OF LOCAL AREA AROUND CONGEN RESIDENCE DETERIORATES DUE TO ACTUAL FIGHTING, MOVEMENT OF FNLA IN AREA, OR AGGRESSIVE OR HARASSING MOVEMENTS OF MPLA IN NEIGHBORHOOD, THE CONGEN COULD TEMPORARILY RESIDE WITH OTHER US EMPLOYEES WHILE LOOKING FOR NEW RESIDENCE. AT PRESENT, IN ABSENCE OF DIRECT THREAT AGAINST AMERICANS, THE CONGEN RESIDENCE (BEDROOM WING) REPRESENTS

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ADEQUATE PROTECTED LOCATION REMOVED FROM AREAS WHERE VIOLENCE

HAS OCCURRED IN THE PAST.

3. CONGEN RESIDENCE COULD NOT, OF COURSE, PROVIDE PROTECTION AGAINST DIRECT MILITARY ATTACK OR ACTIVE FIGHTING IN IMMEDIATE NEIGHBORHOOD AND, IF THAT TYPE OF SITUATION MATERIALIZES OR IS FORESEEN, EITHER AT THE CONGEN RESIDENCE OR OTHER IN-TOWN RESIDENCES OF US EMPLOYEES, PERSONNEL SHOULD RETIRE TO THE CONSULATE GENERAL ITSELF WHICH IS THE BEST US GOVERNMENT LOCATION FOR PROTECTION AND DEFENSE.
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